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**TRACTOR TRAILER vs CAR I-95 CRASH**

Bridgeport--On 03/25/2004 at approximately 7:45 p.m. State Police Troop-G Bridgeport received numerous 911 calls reporting a serious tractor trailer tanker Vs car crash on I-95 southbound at exit #26 in Bridgeport. Additional calls reported the involved vehicles had erupted into flames.

State Police, Bridgeport Fire Department, Bridgeport EMS all responded to the scene where the tanker had leaked part of its cargo and erupted in fire that spread onto the highway.

The involved operators sustained minor injury.

I-95 was closed in both directions as Bridgeport Fire Service fought the fire. Upon complete suppression of the fire it was determined that the bridge had sustained substantial fire damage. The highway will remain closed pending a complete examination by DOT officials.

**DETOUR DIRECTIONS:**

Interstate 95 Southbound—exit #27A to Route 25 Northbound

CARS- Route 25 to exit #7--Merritt Parkway south

TRUCKS-Route 8 northbound to I-84 West into Waterbury

Interstate 95 Northbound—Exit #25, take left onto Commerce Dr.,  
then take left onto State St,  
then take right onto Lafayette Blvd  
to I-95 Northbound ramp.

Operator #1 WADDLE, Sarah 55 Bank St. Derby CT. 1987 Toyota Corolla

Operator #2 ROBINSON, Gilbert 100 Galpin St. Naugatuck, CT.

2000 Mack Tractor owned by Island Transportation

The accident remains under investigation.

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